

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Winona County District FY07 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

- improper woodland management
- loss of forage based agriculture
- loss of livestock based agriculture
- improper land application of ag. Waste
- feedlot runoff
- soil erosion
- wildlife habitat management
- carbon sequestration
- invasive species and noxious species
- native species

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

- wellhead protection areas
- areas of county identified in geologic atlas as high susceptibility for pollution

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

- prioritize applications that address water quality concerns
- prioritize applications that promote forage based agriculture
- prioritize applications that promote livestock based agriculture
- prioritize applications that promote the establishment and perpetuation of native species

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.
 - Does application directly improve surface or groundwater quality (5 points)
 - Is this application located in a Department of Health identified Wellhead Protection Area (5 points)
 - Does this application convert cropland to a forage based system (5 points)
 - Is this application located in an area identified as having high susceptibility for surface or groundwater pollution as identified in the Winona County Geologic Atlas (5 points)
 - Does this application enhance an existing livestock operation (5 points)
 - Does this application limit access to a riparian corridor (5 points)
 - Does this application include row cropped areas to receive incentive payments located within 120' of a riparian corridor (minus 5 points)
 - If incentive payment for nutrient management planning is requested, will manure be incorporated immediately (5 points)
 - Does application include incentive payment for cover crop following row crop harvest (5 points)
- Does application include establishment or enhancement of native species (5 points)
5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal exactly 40 points.
6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.
7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 07 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group

Date